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REF: A) GENEVA 783 B) MEXICO 1015, 1049, 1097

- 1. REFTEL A, PARA 7, DESCRIBES MEXDEL PERFORMANCE AT SUBJECT CONFERENCE ON PRG ISSUE, NOTING THAT MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVE WAS VERY NON-COMMITTAL AND UNCOMMUNICATIVE. RESPONSE OF FOREIGN SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS HERE WAS SIMILAR. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT MEXICANS WERE UNHELPFUL ON THIS ISSUE, AS REPORTED IN REFTELS B.
- 2. REFTEL A EXPRESSES VIEW THAT MEXICANS MIGHT HAVE DONE BETTER, GIVEN DIFFERENCES WITHIN LA GROUP. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS REFLECTS LACK OF FULL UNDERSTANDING OF MEXICAN POSITION IN THIS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA. ALL ELSE BEING EQUAL, MEXICANS WILL TEND TO PARALLEL POSITIONS OF OTHER LA REPRESENT-ATIVES. HOWEVER, UNDER ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION, MEXICO HAS LONG PROCLAIMED AFFINITY FOR THIRD WORLD STATES. THIS SOMETIMES LEADS MEXICO FAR AFIELD FROM REGIONAL GROUPING AND LA POSITION OR POSITIONS WILL NOT BE DECISIVE FACTOR IN DETERMINING MEXICAN VIEWS.
- 3. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT US AND MEXIC HAVE BEEN ON CONFIDENTIAL  $\,$

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OPPOSITE SIDES OF ISSUES DEAR TO GOM IN SEVERAL RECENT INTER-

NATIONAL CONFERENCES. US OPPOSED MEXICAN-SPONSORED CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS) IN UNGA, ABSTAINED ON MEXICAN-SUPPORTED INITIATIVE RE LIFTING CUBAN SANCTIONS AT MFM IN QUITO AND, APPARENTLY, WILL BE UNABLE TO SUPPORT FERVENT MEXICAN WISH TO HOLD WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION MEETING IN MEXICO CITY. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THESE RECENT DIFFERENCES LESSEN MEXICO'S WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT USG UNQUESTIONINGLY ON ISSUES SUCH AS PRG.

4. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT GOM UNDER PRESENT ADMINISTRATION HAS DEVOTED MUCH TIME AND EFFORT TO FOREIGN POLICY AND MULTI-LATERAL AFFAIRS; PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA HAS TRAVELED ABROAD MORE THAN ANY OTHER MEXICAN PRESIDENT IN SUPPORT OF SUCH INITIATIVES AS CERDS AND TO ENHANCE MEXICAN STANDING WITHIN THIRD WORLD. ACCORDINGLY, WHAT IN US VIEW MIGHT HAVE BEEN "MARGINAL RISK" TO MEXICO MIGHT WELL HAVE SEEMED MUCH MORE RISKY IN MEXICAN EYES. JOVA

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